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## State's innovative educational programs to be featured at Institute.21

*Wisconsin Showcase to feature educational programs teaching 21st century skills*

MADISON—Wisconsin will host the third annual Partnership for 21st Century Skills Best Practices Forum June 11 and 12 in Madison. The partnership's nine participating states will share work they have done to implement the Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21) Framework as well as discuss challenges, solutions, and next steps in preparing students to have the global awareness and civic, health, entrepreneurial, financial, and business literacy needed for success in the future.

The Wisconsin Showcase will begin at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, featuring seven projects that address skills in the P21 Framework. The **Sun Prairie High School Jazz Ensemble**, under the direction of Steve Sveum, will provide welcoming and concluding music. State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster will present opening remarks on the evidence of P21 skills in Wisconsin's educational practices.

**Waunakee Elementary School** students will demonstrate global literacy through song and language-learning rap. **Hannah Iverson of Plum City High School** and winner of the 2008 Young Entrepreneur Recognition Award in Wisconsin, will present information on the entrepreneurship, business, and financial literacy skills she gained by launching a cow embryo business in January 2006.

**Darlington High School** students, who are working on a second covered bridge project, will present information on the life and career skills they are learning through their special woods technology projects. Video from the launch of the **Wisconsin Task Force on Arts and Creativity in Education** and the Visioneer Design Challenge, a statewide event in Milwaukee, will highlight the creativity and innovation skills that will prepare students for the knowledge economy of the 21st century.

Students from **Hayes Bilingual Elementary School in Milwaukee** will present information on their civic literacy and service-learning project. The project used a cross-disciplinary exploration of pollution, river conservation, and park access as students sought ways to help the community improve the health of the Kinnickinnic River. A video of **Sun Prairie High School's** High Mileage Vehicle Project will support information about the learning and innovation skills students acquire by engineering and building a vehicle that routinely gets between 500 and 800 miles per gallon of fuel.

Leadership and design team members from **Wisconsin's Standards Review Process** will make a presentation of final recommendations for revising the state's English language arts and mathematics standards. Wisconsin took the unique approach of seeking feedback from both the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and the national American Diploma Project to ensure the rigor and relevancy of the state's model academic standards.

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**WHAT:** Wisconsin Showcase — Partnership for 21st Century Skills Best Practices Forum

**WHEN:** 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2008

**WHERE:** Edgewater Hotel, Pacific Room, 666 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison